



Davison County Emergency Management  
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LEPC Minutes  
December 10, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.

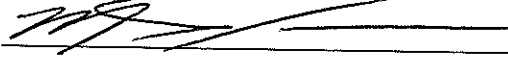
Chairperson: Marius Laursen    Vice Chairperson: Steve Harr    Secretary: Jeff Bathke

Call in Number is 1-866-990-6338. The Conference ID is 18809.

1. Welcome-Sign In
2. Approval of the Agenda.
  - a. Motion by Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the minutes.
  - a. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve to approve the previous minutes. Motion carried.
4. Financial Status:
  - a. The Davison County LEPC receives grant funds from the state, which are used to pay for air cards in the EM and Search and Rescue vehicles.
    - i. Amount of 2025 grant: \$1,765.72 (\$563 more than last year)
    - ii. 2024 carry over: \$0
    - iii. Expended: \$1,765.72
    - iv. Remaining: \$0
  - b. Motion by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skyler to accept financial status. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
6. Remediation/HAZMAT Issues
  - a. SUV vs Semi accident – E 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and N Foster St.
  - b. 2025.176 - CHS Spill
  - c. 2025.910 - I-90 MM319 Semi Accident
7. Administrative and LEMPG Requirements
  - a. Yearly:
    - i. LEPC Grant was submitted on November 12, 2025.
    - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report will be due January 30, 2025.
    - iii. Several items need to be completed due to the beginning of the fiscal year.
8. Current Road Closures
  - a. HW 37 from Bypass/Main Street to airport road reconstruction, shared use path and lighting project-Traffic will be maintained to allow both directions. The work will take two years and be completed in sections.
9. Upcoming Road Closures:
  - a. I-90 from Betts Road to Mt. Vernon will receive drainage repair work in 2026.
  - b. 407<sup>th</sup> Ave. between 262<sup>nd</sup> and 263<sup>rd</sup> St. for a bridge replacement in 2026.
  - c. 411<sup>th</sup> Ave. between 249<sup>th</sup> and 250<sup>th</sup> St. for a bridge replacement in 2026.
  - d. HWY 38 from Foster to Riverside in 2027. The road will remain open.
  - e. HWY 38 from Riverside Road to Spencer will be graded in 2027 and resurfaced in 2028.
10. Jeff Bathke-P&Z/Drainage/EM Director-Leave of absence.
11. Karen Wegleitner-P&Z/Drainage/Acting Director
  - a. Davison County Search & Rescue received new digital radios to be able to communicate with other agencies.

12. Kelly Kjelden/Sarah Blaine-POET
13. Pat Gathman/Bob Way-High Plains Processing
  - a. Bob Way reported they are in full production.
  - b. They had two separate firefighting foam release events within secondary containment.
14. Shannon Sandoval/Tiffany Boehmer-MFD - Absent
15. Dean Knippling/Casey Tegethoff-MPD
  - a. Dean reported the Hwy 37 North construction will stop until Spring.
  - b. Fully staffed besides two dispatch positions.
16. Marius Laursen-Avera
  - a. Covid and flu #s are down.
17. Michelle Carpenter/Roswitha Konz-Health - Absent
18. Steve Harr-Sheriff/Tim Reitzel- Chief Deputy
  - a. Tim reported they have access to the 511 system and can shut down roads and post no travel advised. Will start a group text between EM and Highway to make road decisions.
19. Blake Richters-Highway Patrol - Absent
20. Joe Schroeder/Mark Jenniges-Environmental City of Mitchell
  - a. No additional comments.
21. Randy Pratt-Amateur Radio Operators
  - a. Received repeater license this morning.
22. Adam Frerichs-Regional Emergency Management Coordinator - Absent
23. LT Bobby Key-Salvation Army - Absent
24. Brandon Wingert (Hanson County)/Skyler Kehn (Aurora County)-Emergency Management
  - a. Skyler reported he will be hosting a Red Cross free shelter training on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Aurora County Agricultural Building.
25. Tonya Ford-Elected Official - Absent
26. Kathy Wingert - Elected Official - Absent
27. Lindsey Loiseau-Health - Firesteel - Absent
28. Ruth Ragels-SD Family Assistance Center for Military Service Members - Absent
29. Dawn Niehoff-MPD Dispatch - Absent
30. Jordan Hanson-Mayor - Absent
31. Stephanie Ellwein, City Administrator - Absent
32. Denny Kiner-Commissioner - Absent
33. Ryan Stahl-Environmental City of Mt. Vernon - Absent
34. Bob Riggs-Environmental City of Ethan - Absent
35. Robert Reuland-Red Cross - Absent
36. John Sieverding-Education-Public - Absent
37. Kevin Adams-DWU - Absent
38. Don Everson-Education-MTC
  - a. Construction continues on the Underground Power Line Training Facility.
  - b. Christmas break begins December 18<sup>th</sup>.
39. Peggy Tisdell-Community Member - Absent
40. Dan Muck-Community Member - Absent
41. Richard Sweeney-CHS - Absent
42. Jackie Horton-CASA - Absent
43. Andy Mentele-S.A.R. - Absent
44. Rusty Weinberg-HWY Dept. - Absent
45. Jenna Auch/Carissa Shinstine-County Health Nurse Office - Absent
46. Sydney Lanning-Office of Health Statistics - Absent

47. Dave/Mike Kluth (Mt. Vernon) / Chase McBrayer (Ethan)-Fire - Absent
48. JP Skelly-Media - Absent
49. Comments from the Committee
50. Next meeting will be on March 11, 2026, at 10:30 AM due to EM Wegleitner's schedule.
51. Adjourn the Meeting.
  - a. Motion by Skyler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Signature: 

Date: 03/11/2026